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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL PILLSBURY

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1. PILLSBURY ARRIVED SEOUL JUNE 8 AT MIDDAY, ABOUT TWO HOURS BEHIND SCHEDULE. AFTERNOON WAS TAKEN UP WITH DISCUSSIONS AT USFK HEADQUARTERS, INCLUDING MEETINGS WITH DEP CG USFK LT. GEN. GABRIEL, C/S MAJ. GEN. KINGSTON, J-3 MAJ. GEN. PRILLAMAN, AND CHIEF OF JUSMAG-K, MAJ. GEN. GRIFFITH. PRESENTATIONS INCLUDED STANDARD JUSMAG AND UNC BRIEFINGS AND REPLIES TO QUESTIONS OUTLINED IN SECDEF 030151Z. PILLSBURY EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH INFORMATION PROVIDED, EXCEPT WITH REGARD TO QUESTION HE ASKED REGARDING BREAKDOWN OF COSTS OF EQUIPMENT PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN COMPENSATION PACKAGE, FOR WHICH HE WAS REFERRED TO DOD.

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2. DURING INFORMAL DINNER MEETING WITH SEVERAL ROK MOFA OFFICIALS INCLUDING CHINA AND NORTH KOREA DIVISION CHIEFS, PILLSBURY DISCUSSED AT LENGTH HIS VISIT TO PRC, AND INQUIRED ABOUT ASPECTS OF NORTH-SOUTH KOREAN RELATIONS. KOREANS APPEARED DEEPLY INTERESTED IN PILLSBURY'S COMMENTS ON PRC. DISCUSSION OF KOREAN ISSUES COVERED FAMILIAR GROUND.

3. EARLY JUNE 9 ON RECEIPT OF REF C, PILLSBURY CALLED STAFF DIRECTOR IN WASHINGTON. HE REPORTS THAT HE WAS INFORMED HIS PRESENCE NEEDED IN WASHINGTON AND THAT HE SHOULD RETURN HOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT IT WAS AGREED HE SHOULD COMPLETE THE DAYS SCHEDULE WHICH WAS THEN DUE TO BEGIN IN ABOUT 30 MINUTES. REF A RECEIVED MID-MORNING, HOWEVER, JUST AFTER CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSIONS AT I CORPS GROUP; REMAINDER OF SCHEDULED WAS CANCELLED BY UNC AND PILLSBURY AND ESCORT RETURNED TO EMBASSY.

4. PILLSBURY SAID HE DID NOT KNOW REASONS FOR CHANGE IN INSTRUCTIONS BUT INQUIRED ABOUT REPORTS OF HIS CONVERSATIONS IN TOKYO. ASKED IF A REPORT HAD BEEN RECEIVED, EMBASSY OFFICER CONFIRMED IT HAD BEEN. PILLSBURY ASKED TO SEE IT AND WAS ADVISED THAT BECAUSE OF CLASSIFICATION, IT COULD NOT BE RELEASED WITHOUT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION, WHICH IT WAS SUGGESTED HE SEEK ON RETURN TO WASHINGTON. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION, PILLSBURY INDICATED PARTICULAR CONCERN OVER DISCUSSION HE HAD HELD AT DEFENSE AGENCY, RECORD OF WHICH HE HAD NOT HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW WITH EMBASSY OFFICER PRESENT.

5. PILLSBURY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN EARLIER RESERVATIONS TO US THAN THOSE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED, DUE
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TO NORTHWEST STRIKE. HE IS THEREFORE LEAVING SEOUL JUNE 10 FOR TOKYO VIA CATHAY PACIFIC 451, WILL REMAIN OVERNIGHT IN TOKYO AND IS DUE IN NEW YORK JUNE 11 VIA PAN AM 800 AND IN WASHINGTON SAME DAY ON NATIONAL 491.
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